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SUBJ: CANADIAN INTEREST IN U.S. TARIFF REDUCTIONS

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1. IN MAY 1976 ALBERTA PREMIER LUGHEED COMPLAINED THAT
U.S. TARIFF RATES HAMPERED SALE OF ALBERTA PETROCHEMICAL
PRODUCTS AND LISTED SPECIFIC PRODUCTS ON WHICH HE HOPED
REDUCTIONS WOULD BE MADE (CALGARY 238 NOTAL). SUBSEQUENTLY,
HE HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN FOLLOWING
PETROCHEMICALS:

TSUS	PRODUCT
428.34	ETHYLENEGLYCOL
429.20	ETHYLENE DICHLORIDE
429.44	VINYLCHLORIDE

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429.50 ETHYLENE

445.4520 POLYVINYLCHLORIDE

IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 27, LOUGHEED INDICATED HE WOULD SEEK TO GET CANADIAN MTN NEGOTIATORS TO PUT FORWARD REQUEST FOR MAXIMUM US FORMULA CUT ON PETROCHEMICALS, AND MIGHT ALSO PROPOSE OTTAWA INCLUDE GAS AND OIL IN ITS SECTOR APPROACH (OTTAWA 3893).

2. QUEBEC PROVINCIAL INTERESTS ARE PUSHING OTTAWA FOR REDUCTIONS IN:

TSUS	PRODUCT
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612.06	COPPER ALLOYS
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618.04-06	ALUMINUM ALLOYS
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660.46	AIRCRAFT ENGINES
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694.60	AIRCRAFT PARTS
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CANADAIR HAS SPECIAL INTEREST IN REDUCTION IN LATTER TWO ITEMS.

3. BRITISH COLUMBIA FORESTRY INTERESTS ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REDUCTION OF TARIFF ON PLYWOOD (TSUS 240.10-.25).

4. SASKATCHEWAN PRODUCERS OF SODIUM SULPHATE (ANHYDROUS AND CRYSTALLIZED) ARE PUSHING FOR REDUCTION IN TSUS ITEMS 421.44 AND 421.46.

5. REDUCED U.S. TARIFFS IN SEMI-PROCESSED COPPER, NICKEL AND ZINC ARE BEING SOUGHT BY ALBERTA PROVINCE, AND IN SEMI-PROCESSED NICKEL BY SASKATCHEWAN, WHILE POSSIBILITY OF INVESTMENT IN COPPER SMELTER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA MIGHT ALSO MAKE REDUCTION IN SEMI-PROCESSED COPPER TARIFFS OF INTEREST THERE.

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6. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM AGRICULTURE MINISTRY THAT LIST OF CANADIAN EXPORT INTERESTS CLASSIFIED UNDER CHAPTERS 1-24 OF BTN WAS SENT BY AMBASSADOR GREY TO AMBASSADOR WALKER ON OCTOBER 15. IN COMMONS DEBATE OCT. 26 "UNFAIR HIGH TARIFF" OF U.S. ON PROCESSED BOXED BEEF WAS CRITICIZED, AND ADDITIONALLY, PREMIER LOUGHEED INDICATED HE WOULD REQUEST OTTAWA SECURE MAXIMUM U.S. FORMULA CUT ON BEEF

AT MTN. IN VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN JUNE, LOUGHEED ALSO MENTIONED HIS DESIRE TO PROMOTE RAPESEED OIL (TSUS 176.45, 176.47) EXPORTS TO THE U.S. FROZEN FISH, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND BEVERAGEES ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO QUEBEC (QUEBEC AND ATLANTIC PROVINCES ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF CANADIAN EXPORTS OF MEAT AND FISH) AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT MOST OF THOSE OF INTEREST WERE INCLUDED IN LIST GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR WALKER.

7. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT PRIORITY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE TO VARIOUS PROVINCIAL INTERESTS. PRIME INTEREST OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OF COURSE, OFT-REPEATED ELIMINATION OF ALL TARIFFS BELOW FIVE PERCENT AND EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CANDEL HAS GIVEN USDEL LIST OF THOSE IN WHICH CANADA MOST INTERESTED.

8. IT IS EXPECTED THAT TEXTILES, MOST TYPES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND MANY LEATHER PRODUCTS WILL BE EXCEPTED BY CANADA BECAUSE OF DEPRESSED STATE OF THESE INDUSTRIES.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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